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## LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK TO BEGIN ISSUING MARRIAGE LICENSES TO SAME-SEX COUPLES

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) Dean Logan announced that his office is taking immediate action to comply with the court's order to cease to enforce Proposition 8 after August 18 at 5:00 p.m. Please be advised that no marriage licenses may be issued or civil marriage ceremonies performed for same gender couples prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 18; the effective date of the Court's order.

The RR/CC will make accommodations by extending regular office hours in order to begin issuing marriage licenses and perform civil marriage ceremonies at designated County facilities after 5:00 p.m. on August 18. Information on extended hours and locations will be released and posted on the RR/CC website <a href="https://www.lavote.net">www.lavote.net</a> by Friday, August 13 after 5:00 p.m.

"The RR/CC is committed to providing the highest level of quality customer service and will seek to meet customer demand for every qualified couple seeking a marriage license or a civil marriage ceremony at County facilities," Logan said.

Demand for marriage license services may increase as a result of the ruling. "We encourage members of the public to prepare ahead of time by reviewing the attached information on Marriage License Information or by accessing information and applying for a marriage license online at <a href="https://www.lamarriage.lacounty.gov">www.lamarriage.lacounty.gov</a>" Logan said. For further information, please call (562) 462-2081.

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#### ABOUT THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

The mission of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is to serve Los Angeles County by providing essential records management and election services in a fair, accessible and transparent manner.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, or Vietnamese can call (800) 481-8683.

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#### Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

It is the mission of our office to provide quality and professional service. We have a duty to meet customer requests in a respectful and efficient manner. We look forward to serving you.

Dean C. Logan Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

## How do you apply...

PLEASE NOTE: NO MARRIAGE LICESNES WILL BE COMPLETED OR CEREMONIES PERFOMED UNTIL THE STAY IS LIFTED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18.

Visit one of our RR/CC office locations or go to our website <u>www.lamarriage.lacounty.gov</u> to apply online.

### What you need...

- Both parties must be present together and produce "Proof of Identity" and age documents, such as a government issued photo id. Photo and age verification is mandatory. All documents must be in English.
- Both parties must appear to apply for and pick up their marriage license.
- You must pay the fee of \$90 for the marriage license and \$85 for a confidential license.
- If you have been divorced with the last two years you must bring in a certified copy of your divorce.

## Requesting ceremonies...

- Do I have to be a U.S. Citizen or a resident of Los Angeles County or the state of California to obtain a marriage license?
- Do I need a blood test or health certificate? NO
- Do I need to get married the same day as I get the license? NO (Licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issue)
- Do I need to terminate my state-registered domestic partnership if I'm marrying the same person?
   See the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.ca.gov.

## How to apply for a Civil Marriage ceremony...

- The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk performs Civil Marriage ceremonies upon request.
- The fee for the civil ceremony is \$25. Payment can be made in cash or by check or money order, made payable to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk or RRCC. If paying by check, valid government issued identification (i.e., Driver's License) of the signer is required and must be presented at the time of request.
- Contact your nearest RR/CC office for additional information or to make a Civil Service appointment.
- We cannot guarantee you a Civil Ceremony appointment the same day as your marriage license is issued.
- At least one witness must be present at the ceremony unless the couple is marrying using a confidential
  marriage license in which case no witness is required. Parties are responsible for bringing their own
  witnesses. If you do not have a witness one can be provided for a fee of \$18. Please contact the office
  nearest you for more information.